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SUBJECT: UAE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ FROM 2003-2006

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[1](#)1. (SBU) On March 7, 2007 Yousef Al Otaiba International Affairs Director for the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court provided Ambassador with a matrix of UAE assistance to Iraq from 2003-2006.

[1](#)2. (SBU) According to the matrix, the UAE Armed Forces provided 129,857,752 dhs (\$35,287,433) from 2003-2005 and 19,692,965 dhs (\$5,351,350) in 2006 for a total donation of 149,550,718 dhs (\$40,638,782). An additional \$1,600,000 donation, not included in the 2003-2006 assistance figures, was also provided by the UAE Armed Forces. Although the matrix did not provide a breakdown of the type of donations provided, post believes they are likely to be in-kind donations and training. The matrix also contains a note that not all assistance by the UAE armed forces is included in the numbers provided.

[1](#)3. (SBU) The UAE Red Crescent Society provided 116,292,474 dhs (\$31,601,216) in 2003, 6,870,242 dhs (\$1,866,914) in 2004, 13,023,289 dhs (\$3,538,937) in 2005 and 11,347,332 dhs (\$3,083,514) in 2006 for a total of 147,533,337 dhs (\$40,090,580) of cash and in-kind assistance to Iraq from 2003-2006. In a December 2006 meeting with the Red Crescent, officials said the charity provided 143,152,000 dhs (38.9 million USD) in assistance to Iraq from 2002-2006. Most of the assistance was in-kind donations of food, blankets, clothing, and medical treatment. (Refs A and B). (Note. The assistance numbers provided by Al Otaiba for the Red Crescent's donations from 2003-2006 are higher than the figures provided earlier by the Red Crescent which also include 2002. End note.)

[1](#)4. (SBU) The Finance Department of Abu Dhabi did not provide any assistance to Iraq in 2003-2004, but provided in-kind assistance of 4,407,600 dhs (\$1,197,717) in 2005 and 30,118,600 dhs (\$8,814,402) of in-kind assistance in 2006 for a total of 34,526,200 dhs (\$9,382,120) in 2005-2006.

[1](#)5. (SBU) Zayed Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation allocated 500,000 dhs (\$136,240) to Iraq in 2003. Although this money has not yet been disbursed, it is still available for disbursement. The Foundation did not provide any assistance in 2004-2006. Post will follow up with the Foundation.

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